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Docket No. : 40624/S850

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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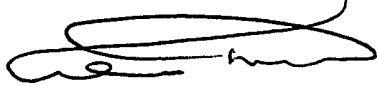
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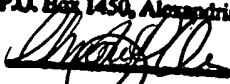
Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims."
(37 CFR § 1.104(e))

Applicant believes the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are unnecessary. The applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While applicant agrees that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce with each statement in the reasons for allowance, that patentability requires each stated feature exactly as expressed by the Examiner, nor that each stated feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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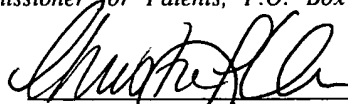
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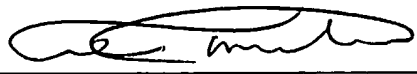
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Enclosed are 15 sheets of drawings for this application. They are submitted as formal drawings to replace the corresponding informal drawings as originally filed.

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